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SUBJECT: MALIBAMATSO

1. DEPT. NOTES THAT LOAN FOR ACCESS ROAD TO MALIBAMATSO WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN LESOTHO HAS NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN OSARAC'S FY 1975 FIELD BUDGET SUBMISSION.
2. AS MISSION IS AWARE, GENERAL COMMITMENT TO THIS PROJECT IS LONGSTANDING AND WAS INCLUDED IN BOTH FY 1973 AND FY 1974 CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS. FY '73 DISCUSSION OF MALIBAMATSO ALSO SPOKE OF "SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT" FROM THE IBRD FOR THE PROJECT. IN ADDITION, IT REMAINS CLEAR THAT WATER IS ONE OF LESOTHO'S VERY FEW RESOURCES.

3. DEPARTMENT'S UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT FURTHER DEVELOP-MENTS IN PROJECT WERE SUSPENDED PENDING MEETING BETWEEN PRIME MINISTERS JONATHAN AND VORSTER AT WHICH PRICE OF WATER (A PRINCIPAL CONCERN OF IBRD) AND OTHER MATTERS WOULD BE DISCUSSED. MEETING ITSELF WAS BEING POSTPONED DUE TO RECENT RELATIVELY ICY PUBLIC RELATIONS BETWEEN LESOTHO AND SOUTH AFRICA. DEPARTMENT DID NOT HAVE IMPRESSION THAT
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EITHER MEETING OR PROJECT ITSELF WOULD NOT MATERIALIZE IN

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FORESEEABLE FUTURE, WITHIN GENERAL TIME SPAN ASSUMED IN
FY '75 PLANNING.
4. BEFORE CONCURRING WITH ELIMINATION OF MALIBAMATSO
PROJECT, DEPT. INTERESTED IN LEARNING CURRENT THINKING OF
MISSION REGARDING PROSPECTS FOR JONATHAN-VORSTER MEETING
INCLUDING DISCUSSION OF MALIBAMATSO AND FOR POSSIBLE
PROGRESS TOWARD COMMENCEMENT OF PROJECT ITSELF WITHIN
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